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## Honda Earns Slot on Influential House Budget Committee

**Washington, DC**— U.S. Congressman Mike Honda (D-San Jose) today announced that he has secured a slot on the powerful Budget Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Budget Committee is responsible for allocating the resources of the federal government by setting the amounts of money to be spent on all major federal programs each year.

**“Throughout his career, Mike Honda has worked hard to improve the quality of life for families in the South Bay by fighting for better schools and fiscally responsible government,”** said Rep. John Spratt, the ranking Democrat on the Budget Committee. **“As a member of the California State Assembly, he helped to set the budget for the 6<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the world— his leadership and experience are a welcome addition to the Budget Committee.”**

**“I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass a balanced budget that strengthens our commitment to public education, protects Social Security and Medicare, provides targeted tax cuts for working families and ensures that the technology needs of our communities are met ”** said Honda. **“I am honored to give the South Bay a needed voice in the formulation of the budget of the United States.”**

As a member of the Committee, Honda plans to join the effort to pass a fiscally responsible budget that pays down the national debt in order to keep interest rates low for middle-class and low-income families. Honda also vowed to continue his fight to make improving the quality of classroom education a national spending priority. Mike Honda also strongly believes that the federal budget must first protect Social Security and Medicare and then offer targeted tax cuts to help working families.

Mr. Honda also recently earned a slot on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which has jurisdiction over civil aviation, maritime law, ground transportation, water resources development, water resources conservation and management and hazardous waste clean up.